

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested. The Specification has been amended at the Examiner's request to include a more descriptive title. Claims 1-2 have been amended. Claim 3 has been cancelled. Support for the amendments may be found throughout the specification. No new matter has been added. Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 1-2, as amended, will be pending.

Claims 1-2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as indefinite. The amendments to the claims are believed to place them in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 1-2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,165,478. Claims 1-2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Accession Numbers AAR94585, AAR94579, AAR94586 or AAWO 1743. The amendments to the claims are believed to address these rejections as none of these references teach or suggest the present invention. Specifically, none of these references teach or suggest a polypeptide consisting of the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID No:16.


Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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